

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Woodruff et al.) **Examiner:** Shrestha, Bijendra K.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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November 2, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants respond as follows, wherein:

Claim Amendments begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 10.